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1. A food scoop comprising a vertically elongate generally cylindrical wall, said wall having an upper peripheral edge forming an upwardly opening mouth, and a lower peripheral edge with a bottom joined thereto, said upper edge being continuously curvilinear and having a first extent of a downwardly concave configuration and a second opposed extent of upwardly convex configuration.

2. The scoop of claim 1 wherein said second extent is positioned higher relative to said first extent.

Sub 17 3. The scoop of claim 2 wherein said first concave extent and said second convex extent meet at two substantially opposed areas on said upper peripheral edge.

2 4. The scoop of claim 3 wherein said wall is of a predetermined circular cross-section adjacent said lower edge and of a progressively increasing circular cross-section upward therefrom to said upper edge.

3 5. The scoop of claim 4 wherein said wall includes a front wall panel with opposed vertical edges and an upper

concave edge extending to and between said vertical edges of said front wall panel and defining said first extent, and a rear wall panel with opposed vertical edges and an upper convex edge extending to and between said vertical edges of said rear wall panel and defining said convex extent, said opposed edges of said rear wall panel being bonded to said opposed edges of said front wall panel.

~~4~~ 6. The scoop of claim ~~3~~ wherein said bottom is integrally formed with said front and rear wall panels inwardly spaced from said bonded opposed vertical edges of said front and rear wall panels.

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7 The scoop of claim 2 said wall includes a front wall panel with opposed vertical edges and an upper concave edge extending to and between said vertical edges of said front wall panel and defining said first extent, and a rear wall panel with opposed vertical edges and an upper convex edge extending to and between said vertical edges of said rear wall panel and defining said convex extent, said opposed edges of said rear wall panel being bonded to said opposed edges of said front wall panel.

~~7~~ 8. The scoop of claim ~~6~~ wherein said bottom is integrally formed with said front and rear wall panels inwardly spaced from said bonded opposed vertical edges of said front and rear wall panels.

a ~~5~~ 9. The scoop of claim ~~12~~ wherein said wall is of a predetermined circular cross-section adjacent said lower edge and of a progressively increasing circular cross-section upward therefrom to said upper edge.

~~8~~ 10. For use in the formation of a food scoop of an inverted, truncated conical configuration; a unitary blank, said blank comprising opposed front and rear wall panels aligned along a longitudinal axis of said blank, said panels having spaced facing base edges, a bottom panel integral with each of said front and rear wall panels at said base edges and extending therebetween, said bottom panel being elongate along said longitudinal axis and having a first opposed pair of longitudinally spaced arcuate edges and a second pair of laterally spaced arcuate end side edges, said arcuate end edges being of a predetermined radius and being defined in said opposed wall panels in inwardly spaced relation to the corresponding base edges thereof, said arcuate side edges of

said bottom panel being on a greater radius than said predetermined radius and continuing through said opposed wall panels to define opposed corners with said end edges, said opposed wall panels having slits extending inward relative to said base edges and aligned with said bottom panel side edges to accommodate extension of said side edges to said end edges, the base edge of each panel extending laterally beyond said bottom panel to form a pair of opposed base edge end portions, said front and rear wall panels each having an outer edge in spaced opposed relation to the corresponding base edge, said front and rear wall panels each having opposed side edges extending between the corresponding base edge and outer edge, said outer edge of said front panel being concave, said outer edge of said rear panel being convex.

~~9~~ 11. The structure of claim ~~8~~ wherein said base edge and said outer edge of each of said front and rear panels terminate in outer ends, said opposed side edges of each of said wall panels extending between the outer ends of the corresponding base edge and outer edge.

~~10~~ 12. The structure of claim ~~9~~ wherein the concave outer edge of said front panel is concave for the full extent

of the outer edge between the ends thereof, said convex outer edge of said rear panel being convex along the full extent thereof between the outer ends thereof.

~~11~~ 13. The structure of claim ~~10~~ 12 wherein said opposed side edges of each of said front and rear wall panels diverge outwardly from each other from the corresponding base edge to the corresponding outer edge to define a generally truncated triangular configuration for each wall panel.

~~12~~ 14. The structure of claim ~~11~~ 13 wherein said base edges of said front and rear panels are of equal length.

~~13~~ 15. The structure of claim ~~12~~ 14 wherein the end portions of the base edges to each side of said bottom panel converge outwardly to the corresponding side edges of said wall panels.

~~14~~ 16. The structure of claim ~~8~~ 10 wherein said base edges of said front and rear panels are of equal length.

~~15~~ 17. The structure of claim ~~14~~ 16 wherein the end portions of the base edges to each side of said bottom panel

converge outwardly to the corresponding side edges of said wall panels.

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~~18~~. The structure of claim ⁹~~11~~ including fold lines defined in said bottom panel and extending inward from opposed corners of said bottom panel and generally diagonally in said bottom panel.

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~~19~~. The structure of claim ¹⁶~~18~~ wherein two of said fold lines are formed in said bottom panel, said two fold lines each being of a generally arcuate configuration extending between two of the corners of the bottom panel within a single wall panel.

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~~20~~. The structure of claim ¹⁶~~18~~ wherein said score lines in said bottom panel comprise two score lines, each extending diametrically across said bottom panel between diametrically opposed corners with said score lines crossing centrally within said bottom panel.

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~~21~~. A food scoop comprising a vertically elongate peripheral wall, said wall having an upper peripheral edge forming an upwardly opening mouth, and a lower peripheral edge

with a bottom joined thereto, said wall being of a predetermined diameter adjacent said lower edge and of a progressively increasing diameter upward therefrom to said upper edge, said wall including a front wall panel with opposed vertical edges and a rear wall panel with opposed vertical edges, said opposed edges of said rear wall panel being bonded to said opposed edges of said front wall panel, said bottom being integrally formed with said front and rear wall panels along arcuate fold lines defining end edges of said bottom, said bottom having opposed arcuate side edges inwardly spaced (form) said bonded opposed vertical edges of said front and rear wall panels.

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~~22~~. The scoop of claim ¹⁷~~21~~ wherein said lower peripheral edge of said wall, laterally outward of the opposed arcuate side edges of said bottom, depend below said bottom and defines arcuate support feet for said scoop independently of said bottom.

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~~23~~. The scoop of claim ²⁰~~22~~ wherein said bottom end edges and side edges define two pairs of diametrically opposed corners, and guiding fold lines formed in said bottom, said guiding fold lines extending generally diametrically inward

from said corners wherein said bottom is laterally offset in a vertical direction solely along said guiding fold lines.

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